

SENATE BILL No. 249

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-12-70.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century scholarships for homeschool. Provides that students who participate in homebased instruction are eligible to participate in the twenty-first century scholars program.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-70-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. As used in this
3 chapter, "eligible student" means a student who meets the following
4 requirements:

5 (1) Is a resident of Indiana.

6 (2) Is enrolled in grade 8 at a public or an accredited nonpublic
7 school **or the equivalent academic level under a program of**
8 **homebased instruction.**

9 (3) Is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the
10 national school lunch program.

11 (4) Agrees in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
12 or guardian, that the student will:

13 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
14 meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning
15 **or attain the equivalent education under a program of**
16 **homebased instruction;**

17 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in



IC 35-48-1-9);

(C) not commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) when the eligible student is a senior in high school **or the equivalent academic level under a program of homebased instruction**, timely apply:

(i) to an institution of higher learning for admission; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an institution of higher learning; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, **or achieve the equivalent performance under a program of homebased instruction.**

SECTION 2. IC 20-12-70-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 3.5. As used in this chapter, "homebased instruction" means instruction that:**

(1) a parent establishes, organizes, and directs for education of the parent's child; and

(2) excuses a child from compulsory school attendance under IC 20-8.1-3-34.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-70-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "scholarship applicant" means a student who meets the following requirements:**

(1) Was an eligible student under section 2 of this chapter.

(2) Is a resident of Indiana.

(3) Has graduated from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an institution of higher learning **or has completed a high school program of homebased instruction.**

(4) Has applied to attend and has been accepted to attend an institution of higher learning as a full-time student.

(5) Certifies in writing that the student has:

(A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;



(C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal)); and

(D) timely filed an application for other types of financial assistance available to the student from the state or federal government.

SECTION 4. IC 20-12-70-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. The twenty-first century scholars program is established to do the following:

(1) Reduce the number of students who ~~withdraw from high school before graduation.~~ **do not complete high school.**

(2) Increase the number of students who are prepared to enter the workforce upon ~~graduation.~~ **completion of high school.**

(3) Increase the number of students entering institutions of higher learning.

(4) Encourage eligible students to attend institutions of higher learning by reducing the financial burden on the eligible students and their families.

(5) Decrease drug and alcohol abuse by encouraging higher educational pursuits.

(6) Increase individual economic vitality.

(7) Improve the overall quality of life for many Indiana residents.

SECTION 5. IC 20-12-70-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 15. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter, including **the following:**

(1) Rules regarding the establishment of appeals procedures for individuals who become disqualified from the program under section 12 of this chapter. ~~and~~

(2) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, rules that may include students who are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.

(3) Rules regarding participation in the program by students who receive homebased instruction.

